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HOW TO SECURE A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THE public knows that the West Virginian has ever been one of the warmest advocates of a public library. This newspaper has lost no opportunity to urge upon the people this need. It is therefore, with keenest regret that The West Virginian finds itself unable to approve the plan to secure a library decided upon by the Fairmont Library Association at its meeting Saturday evening.

There are, in the opinion of The West Virginian, some insurmountable reasons why the plan of the committee cannot succeed. The committee announces a decision to purchase the Morrow property for \$25,000. This property is not desirably located for a public library. The property is beautiful and desirable for other purposes, and the price set upon it is not exorbitant considering the general value of real estate in the city, but it is not accessible enough for the people, and the initial expenditure involved makes it prohibitive for a public library.

If the Library Association comes before the public for \$25,000 for a property, to which must be added a substantial sum for remodeling the building to make it suitable for a library, then the people are going to be asked to contribute from \$30,000 to \$35,000 before a single volume can be purchased for the library. In view of the way the public has responded lately to welfare appeals of various nature, The West Virginian does not believe that any effort will induce the public to consider such a proposition.

The West Virginian would like to advocate a substitute plan, one which it has consistently advocated for a long time—a plan which it believes would not only secure a library for the people, but would take care of other municipal and county needs, and better and greater than all, make due acknowledgment of a sacred debt of Marion County that remains, as yet, unpaid.

The West Virginian has always had the hope, and it is a hope echoed in the hearts of hundreds of citizens that Marion County would erect a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in the form of a beautiful and impressive building that would fittingly house the American Legion Headquarters, the World War Veterans, the G. A. R. and the Red Cross, a building which might contain as well, a municipal hall large enough to take care of the great audiences that have now no place to assemble in convention, or other events of public importance, and—lastly—but by no means of lesser importance, shelter a library that shall be a county possession, belonging to the entire county, in which every citizen shall have a share.

The people of Marion County will ever have a just debt unrecognized until some signal commemoration is erected in honor of the men who went out from the homes of the county to face the hardship and the terror of war. One by one the flag draped coffins have been lowered to their last resting place in Marion County, as the government returned to their native land the boys who fell in battle, and even yet the sad procession continues as men weakened and diseased by the terrible exposure of those days, drop aside in the years that should mark the proud prime of manhood; these last no less war heroes than those whose blood dyed French soil.

The tribute of Marion County to these men and to soldiers and sailors of former wars has been

too long delayed. It is surely time that some movement should be made toward the discharge of this debt, and there would be no more fitting way to plan such a memorial than to make of it a thing of beauty and dignity, and something of benefit to the people for succeeding generations to come.

Somewhere, lost in the shuffle of affairs, there is a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Committee. It is of county wide scope and was appointed to plan for and to secure a suitable memorial. Why not urge this committee from its prolonged lethargy and, together with the strong library association, put the memorial proposition up to the public. If the public will back anything involving as much money as \$35,000, it would be a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, which, of course, would demand a greater sum than the amount named, but would touch every heart in the county, and secure a public sympathy that could be gained in no other way.

A RADICAL THREAT

IN the curious twist which public expression gave to affairs in the election last week, the public is likely to get some new sensations and perhaps some disconcerting lessons during the next two years. A dangerous radical element has assumed a power that may menace or manage if it holds together and votes as a unit.

Unless there is a belated change, the congressional line up in Washington stands as follows: In the Senate are 52 Republicans, 43 Democrats, and 1 doubtful. The Republican majority in the Senate is eight or ten. This in contrast with the present majority of 24.

In the House the situation shows, Republicans 226; Democrats 206 and Socialist 1. Republican majority 17. This in contrast with a present Republican majority of 166.

Independents and radical Republicans in the Senate number seven or eight, and in the House they number fourteen to eighteen. A solid vote from this faction would nullify the Republican leadership in the next Congress.

There has not been among the American general public, sufficient appreciation of the danger of radicalism. This country has never been swept by the ruin and terror of radicals in control. Those nations who live in daily fear of revolution know the menace of the radical, and surely Russia should point out to the American voter what happens to a country when the reds get into ascendancy. The radicals and independents in the next Congress cannot wrest our government from its foundation and hurl it to the ground, that is admitted, but they can, according to present estimate bring to a stand-still anything in legislation that does not please them, and a government brought to a stand-still is a government impotent, while the block lasts.

The saving point which is likely to develop in the present situation is the inability of radical leaders to agree among themselves. The more radical, the wider apart their methods and ideas. This is sufficiently illustrated in the short life of the radical leader who assume supreme dictatorship. He is never able to get his followers to agree either with himself or each other. It is doubtful if the radical bloc ever gets into action, but the public should recognize the danger here and understand what a peril is behind the election of such men to the House and the Senate.

That summer colony of local physicians ought to be a successful venture if something can be done to keep patients from camping in the vicinity.

Perhaps the improvement in the city milk might lie with the fact that there isn't sufficient water to mix with it.

St. Petersburg, Fla., claims the banner for being a sunshine city, but Fairmont will have a chance at these laurels if conditions continue as at present.

Anyone who knows the address of a first class rain maker would do the city a kindness if such address be supplied the local weather man. If he ever knew a rain maker he has probably forgotten where he lived.

While the contractors on the Arnetteville road have not refused point blank to cooperate with Fairmont business men in trying to get the road completed before winter stops things definitely, yet the indifference shown is disheartening and exasperating. All hope of closing up the unfinished gap in the road this fall is practically abandoned. It would have been a close thing at best, even with the hearty accord and support of the company in charge of the work; without this, it is, of course, impossible. The Chamber of Commerce has done its utmost to aid the contractors, securing for them materials that other contractors begged for in vain. The Chamber of Commerce has rendered assistance that other companies engaged in road construction would have highly appreciated and gladly taken advantage of. Fairmont and Morgantown both have been placed at a great disadvantage because of lack of cooperation from those in charge of this construction.

THE MAID ON THE COURTHOUSE

"Great minds," said the Maid on the Courthouse to the janitor, "sometimes are hard to follow on Monday morning."

"Whose, for instance?" said the janitor.

"Well, there's Mayor Billie Conway—got one of the best minds in the world, generally speaking, conducts police court with a fair degree of judgment and justice, but he must have been off on his rule book yesterday."

"Why, according to the evening paper, the paper that goes home and comes up here, the mayor fined a guy who was simply riding in an automobile while in an intoxicated condition \$10, while four other guys who were found flopping around the city streets only drew a \$5 fine. Now the mayor's a smart man and except in the matter of the unusual fine, but I can't just see the fine."

"Of course the driver of the car in which the man fined \$10, ran into a tree, but that's no excuse for raising the rate from \$5 to \$10 for getting a snoot full."

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RUFF STUFF

With Cook Hospital so crowded people will just have to stay well or we'll have to have more room.

Most of us would vote to stay well, but then that cap't ain't always to be done.

With these advertising constables at Morgantown getting in jail, it may be reasonably expected that in a short time some of these theatrical professors may also be properly located.

Boy, page the monkey guy. Forget his name now, as we haven't used it for so long a time.

But just think of those horrid boys at Morgantown who went to the clappers' dance attired in girl's clothes.

And danced with Susan Maxwell Moore, dean of the incessant talkers.

Wonder if Susie M. M. is any relation to Little Moore. Well!

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

By CONDO

WHAT IS A WHY, THAT IS YOUR PURCHASE, THIS? MR. TRUE, I JUST NOW TIED IT UP FOR YOU.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TIE IT AGAIN!!!

ask Hugo Fox about that.

He might even give us a Little Moore, information on the whole subject.

But Hugo was one of the fellows. He would make a pretty woman but he awful ticklish.

The doctors are to have a summer colony on Prickett's Creek. That section of the county won't be safe next summer.

Wonder what kind of whaler they fish for on that great body of water.

The city milk report was good yesterday. Better send more cows to the high school games!

See by the papers a local girl was persecuted for another as secretary. Ain't the papers funny things?

Nothing makes a defeated candidate feel worse than seeing his picture still in a window a week later.

Why is a furnace like a husband? If you don't wait, it will go out.

Roll over eggs! Here's a new playmate.

The family skeleton looks better in long dresses.

Profiteers were charging so high when the war ended, they haven't been able to stop yet.

Senator McKinley says we'll have a new World War. That's nothing like talking pleasantly as the Christmas season approaches.

Berton Braley's Poem

AFTERMATH.
Now the orators are silenced, now the bands have ceased to play,
Life resumes its even tenor and its old accustomed way,
Fool election bets are settled, campaign banners neatly furled,
We've forgotten half the issues which we thought would "shake the world."

Ended is the tense excitement which had held us in its thrall,
Though it really didn't matter very greatly, after all.

Many who were in are ousted, many who were out are in;
And the office-seekers cluster 'round the candidates who win.

Prophets spend the time explaining why their prophecies were wrong,
And their words are quite unheeded by the highly heedless throng.

Talk of fake and fraud is muttered as the losers vent their gall,
But it really doesn't matter very greatly, after all.

Maybe some election platforms will be carried out, in part;
Maybe we shall solve some problems with a little skill and art.

Maybe taxes will grow lighter and the cost of living sag,
But I rather think the public still will hold the well-known bag.

This political campaigning is a sport that comes with fall,
But it really doesn't matter very greatly, after all.

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NOTED AVIATOR KILLED.

LE BOURGET, France, Nov. 14. (By the Associated Press).—M. Polrat, noted French aviator, and his two mechanics were killed today when his machine crashed during the competition for the grand prix for commercial airplanes here.

crates. I have some good friends among them, but that is personal. They belong to the wrong side for me.

Now a word to my good Republican friends and voters and the colored women who have not yet voted: We want you to get busy, and let us try by some way and means to break down this great wrong that is growing among our people. Good citizens, it is up to you, fair and square. All you colored women who have not voted, pledge yourself to the G. O. P. and be on the job next time. "Work for the night is coming when no man can work." Let us get together and have one of the biggest and strongest colored Republican clubs in the state.

Preachers, preach it in your pulpits, and voters, preach it on the streets and get it to our minds and our people's minds that we must overcome some day or be forever lost. There are lots of things we can do if we are united to think it over.

A NEGRO VOTER.

CAROLINA

Attendance Low.
The local class which is taking the University extension course in mining has kept up a continually increasing enrollment since its beginning in September, with the exception of the last two meeting nights, when for some reason the attendance slumped to the danger point. Prof. Adam Crawford, the instructor, announced at the first meeting that the local class would have to maintain an attendance of at least fifteen at every session, or the course would be given to a class at some other point, as there are many places very anxious to secure this course.

The enrollment numbers twenty-five at the present time, after losing three or four men who moved to other places, and Professor Crawford would like to increase this somewhat and have an attendance reaching nearly 100 per cent.

Local Items.
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Steward of Farmington, who were to assume the management of the local Recreation Building on November 1, came here and stayed only a week. Mr. Steward explained that there was too much "red tape" connected with the position to suit him.

Paul Boggs, who has held the place for nearly two years, is remaining in charge temporarily, assisted by Mrs. Pauline McCaffrey, but he expects to be relieved in the very near future. It is not known yet who will be selected to succeed him.

Miss Winnie Simmonds is spending a few days in Morgantown with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell and family, former residents of this camp.

Miss Dolie Wilmoth, primary teacher in the local school, spent the weekend at her home in Fairmont.

C. A. Starcher was a business caller in Worthington Friday evening.

Capt. C. O. McVey of Worthington was a visitor here Friday evening.

Free Movie Tonight.
Arrangements have been made by J. W. Reed, director of the department of safety of the Consolidated Coal Co., to put on a free show at the local Recreation Building this evening.

The film, entitled "The Outlaw," is an amusing picture in which the causes of accidents, such as carelessness, forgetfulness, etc., are represented as a band of bad fellows, and it shows how they lead men on and urge them into taking chances which result in accidents.

An educational picture has also been arranged for, which shows how power is generated at Niagara Falls and used in the manufacture of tools.

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COAL PRODUCTION LAST WEEK ABOUT 12,600,000 TONS

Little Change Between Forecast and Final Figures for November 4.

Estimates made by the United States Geological Survey indicate that the production of soft coal in the United States during the week ending November 11 will aggregate 12,600,000 tons, while the anthracite tonnage is estimated to reach 1,900,000 tons.

Revised figures show that during the week ending November 4 there were 10,617,000 tons of bituminous and 1,839,000 tons of anthracite coal produced. The survey's advance guess was close at 10,700,000 tons of soft coal and 1,733,000 tons of anthracite.

During the first four days of last week 134,807 cars, or 6,740,350 tons of coal, were produced. The daily loadings last week were as follows: Monday, 434,810 cars; Tuesday, 25,315 cars; Wednesday, 33,875 cars; Thursday, 31,807 cars.

Railroads Improve.
Reports for the week ending October 28 indicate that there has been an improvement noted in railroad conditions in many of the coal fields of the United States.

Mention is made that this was true in the Northern West Virginia, Maryland and Southern West Virginia fields.

During the same week labor difficulties continued in the Cumberland-Piedmont field and Kanawha districts, which were responsible for restricted production on the basis of 45 per cent and 21 per cent, respectively. Many mines in Somerset, Westmoreland and the Connellsville districts continued to work short handed with a consequent decrease in capacity. The coke output in the Connellsville region was 159,780 net tons, which was 6 per cent above the pre-strike rate and 87 per cent below the 1920 average weekly production. No market reports were received during the week from operators in nearly all of the states west of the Mississippi. Very few of such reports came from the eastern territory.

147 NEW MEMBERS TO SIT IN NEXT CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—One hundred and twenty-nine new members will sit in the next House, and the Senate membership will include eighteen serving their first terms, according to an unofficial list of members of the Sixty-eighth Congress compiled by William Tyler Page, clerk of the House, and corrected to November 11.

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A New Tongue Pump

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Walk-Over SHURTLEFF & WELTON'S